

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on April 7, 2011 at 3:15 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chair (R)  
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Rinay Bender, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 27, 4/7/2011 HB 621, 4/7/2011

Executive Action: HB 621 - BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED

SR 27 - BE ADOPTED

**HEARING ON HB 621**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:23 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 621, Revise aquatic invasive species laws and provide appropriation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:12 Ron de Yong, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(ags78a01\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(ags78a02\)\*\*](#)

00:18:18 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited, also on behalf of Bob Wiltshire, Invasive Species Action Network

00:22:19 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:25:42 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(ags78a03\)\*\*](#)

00:31:04 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:31:45 Ed Hager, Chairman, Flathead Basin Commission

00:33:05 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:33:35 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:35:01 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:36:11 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:37:05 Sen. Hawks left the meeting.

00:37:19 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:38:42 Sen. Verdell Jackson, SD 5

00:41:32 Sen. Ripley left the meeting.

00:48:34 Jack Eddie, Beaverhead County Weed District and Beaverhead County Weed Board

00:49:13 Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County Commissioner

00:52:12 Kellie Ann Morris, President, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

00:53:44 Margie Edsall, Weed Coordinator, Madison County Weed District

00:54:25 Pam Converse, Coordinator, Broadwater County Weed District

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:25 Sen. Brown

01:03:22 Rep. Ankney

01:04:51 Sen. Brown

01:05:31 Ms. Converse

01:06:28 Sen. Brown

01:06:49 Mr. Noonan, FWP

01:07:00 Sen. Brown  
01:07:40 Mr. Noonan  
01:10:36 Sen. Larsen  
01:11:35 Mr. de Yong, DOAg  
01:12:11 Sen. Windy Boy left the meeting.  
01:14:31 Sen. Larsen  
01:15:22 Sen. Brown  
01:15:54 Ms. Sexton, DNRC  
01:16:23 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:16:38 Rep. Ankney

**HEARING ON SR 27**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:30:05 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SR 27, Confirm Governor's appointees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:31:01 Anne Pichette, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:31:59 Sen. Moore  
01:32:09 Ms. Pichette  
01:33:08 Sen. Brown  
01:33:42 Ms. Pichette  
01:34:02 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:28 Sen. Steinbeisser

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 621**

01:35:16     **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 621 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:35:24     **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 621 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(ags78a04)

**Discussion:**

01:36:03     Sen. Hutton  
01:36:38     Ms. O'Connell, LSD  
01:36:50     Sen. Steinbeisser  
01:36:57     Ms. O'Connell

01:37:20     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hawks, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:37:31     **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 621 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

01:37:42     **Motion:** Sen. Hutton moved that **HB 621 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT ON PAGE 5 TO READ "PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ACQUATIC NOXIOUS WEEDS".**

01:37:54     Ms. O'Connell

01:38:17     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hawks, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:38:46     **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 621 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(ags78a05)

**Discussion:**

01:39:22     Sen. Steinbeisser  
01:39:28     Sen. Moore  
01:40:16     Sen. Steinbeisser  
01:40:26     Sen. Larsen  
01:40:39     Ms. O'Connell  
01:41:01     Sen. Larsen  
01:42:02     Sen. Steinbeisser  
01:42:13     Sen. Brown  
01:42:53     Sen. Steinbeisser  
01:43:14     Sen. Brown  
01:44:38     Sen. Branae

01:44:50     **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ripley, Sen. Steinbeisser, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Windy Boy voting aye. Sen. Hawks, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:45:55     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 621 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hawks, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Windy Boy will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 27**

01:47:07     **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SR 27 BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

01:47:30     Sen. Steinbeisser

01:47:48     Ms. O'Connell

01:48:02     Sen. Moore

01:48:26     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hawks, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 pm

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Rinay Bender, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([ags78aad.pdf](#))**